

## Nationals Are Sold; Griffith Is Buyer Of Controlling Stock

W. M. Richardson, Millionaire Philadelphian, Joint Purchaser With Present Manager, Griff to Become President and Retain Present Position, Too—Will Strengthen Club.

Clark C. Griffith and William M. Richardson, millionaire grain broker, of Philadelphia, yesterday purchased the controlling interest in the Washington baseball club. The price was said to be \$275,000. The announcement was made by Griffith last night at a dinner at which he was host to Washington sport writers.

**Minor Sells Stock.**  
The bulk of the stock acquired by the new company was that owned by Benjamin S. Minor, president of the club, representative of the Thomas C. Noyes estate. Other shareholders who disposed of their stock include Rudolph Kauffman, vice president; E. J. Walsh, secretary, and W. H. Rapley, treasurer.

Re-organization of the company and acquisition of new players by purchase and trade to give Washington a top-notch ball club have been announced as the aims by the new owners.

Clark C. Griffith will be president of the new company, as well as manager of the team, while Mr. Richardson will direct the business activities in his capacity as secretary and treasurer. These two, with one other stockholder, will compose the board of directors, replacing the present and somewhat unwieldy system of a seven-man directorate.

**Capital Stock \$300,000.**  
The club is capitalized at \$300,000, there being 20,000 shares with a par value of \$15. When the club was organized in 1901 the capitalization was \$100,000, the shares selling for \$10 each. This continued until 1911, when the stands burned down and the club was reorganized. Shares were sold as high as \$25.

The manager said the original cost

of the lots was \$100,000 and the stands, erected in 1911, were estimated at \$270,000, but today are worth far more than when erected.

The purchasers assume an indebtedness of \$100,000 in notes that are standing against the club.

The club has had flashes of fortune since it entered the league in 1901.

Jimmy Manning was manager the first season.

The following year the owners ran the proposition on a shoe-string basis with Fred Postel as president and Tom Loftus as manager. The year 1903 was the worst in the club's history.

**Noyes Heads Club.**  
Tom Loftus was put in charge of the club by Ben Johnson and at the end of the year the club was bought by Thomas C. Noyes and men who have handled the club ever since. They will retire when the new board of directors are elected.

From 1905 until his death Thomas C. Noyes was at the head of the club. Clarke Griffith, familiarly known as "The Old Fox," was discovered as a ball player in 1887, playing with Bloomington, Ill. team.

**Tells Tale at Dinner.**  
Manager Clarke Griffith when in New York at the American League meeting extended an invitation to the Washington newspaper men who were present to take dinner with him at the Commercial Club on Saturday at 6 o'clock.

"I will have a good story for you then," That was all that was said. He would not say what it was all about. The boys thought that it was about some deal he had on, but he gave that smile he put on when he does not care to say what he has on his mind.

Last evening all the gang gathered round the festive board and were enjoying themselves when Clarke made this startling announcement:

"Boys, I have purchased the Washington Baseball Club."

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**FREAK FLAG CAUSES ROW**

Display of "Humanity" Emblem Prohibited Following Demonstration at Penn. Ave. Store.

Displayed in a show window the so-called "Humanity Flag" caused a small sized riot in front of Richards' Novelty Store at 1225 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, yesterday afternoon, necessitating the intervention of Capt. Colin E. E. Flather of the First precinct and a squad of his blue coats to quiet the disturbers.

"Un-American! Tear it up! Bust up the place!" roared the throng of 500 mobilized in front of the store.

The flag is built upon the design of the American ensign. The star-field, instead of being blue, is the French tri-color, and the American red stripes had been changed to serpentine rows of British Union Jacks. The only part left identical with "Old Glory" were the white stripes.

P. T. Barnum, after the victory of the crowd, when the flag was being escorted to the First precinct by Capt. Flather and his "finest," said:

"It's a great day for the Irish."

Police say that Barnum, who is a son of the man who made famous the motto: "There's one born every minute," and A. J. O'Sheel, who are at the Raleigh, were the original protesters.

Manager D. J. Hughes took the card out of the window and invited Captain Flather to take it to the First Precinct for investigation.

Half an hour later it was on the desk of Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given, who ordered that all such flags be withdrawn from sale.

The law which applies to the case provides that any person in the District of Columbia who "in any manner for exhibition or display, shall place or cause to be placed any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing or any advertisement of any nature upon any flag, standard, colors, or ensign of the United States of America . . . shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court."

Mr. Richards, proprietor of the store, is taking up the matter with District Attorney James E. Lusk. It was stated last night, in an effort to get a super-ruling upon the Given opinion.

**AT WASHINGTON THEATERS**

Shubert-Garrick—Thurston. National—Burton Holmes in "On the Rhine."

Shubert-Belasco—"Carnival," with Godfrey Tearle.

Moore's Rialto—Mary Pickford in "Heart of the Hills."

Loew's Palace—Robert Warwick in "An Adventure in Hearts."

Crandall's Metropolitan—Eugene O'Brien in "Sealed Hearts."

Crandall's Knickerbocker—Eugene O'Brien in "Sealed Hearts."

B. F. Keith's—Vaudeville. Crandall's—Viola Dana in "Please Get Married."

Moore's Garden—"Everywoman."

Moore's Strand—"Desert Gold."

Loew's Columbia—Hobart Bosworth in "Behind the Door."

Cosmos—Continuous vaudeville and pictures.

Gayety—Burlesque; "Step Lively, Girls."

The Coliseum—Roller Skating.

## Fail in Fight To Line Lodge On Compromise

Underwood Pleads for Action to Help Foreign Exchange Situation.

Challenging Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, to agree to a committee on conciliation for ratification of the peace treaty, administration spokesmen in the Senate today renewed their efforts to bring about some favorable action on the treaty question.

Sensor Lodge refused to listen to the demand for action.

The debate was brought to a climax by Senator Knox, who offered a resolution for ratification of the treaty "in so far only as it provides for a status of peace with Germany."

Sensor Hitecock objected. Senator Knox then asked unanimous consent for immediate consideration of the resolution declaring a state of peace with Germany and Senator Hitecock again objected.

**Says Farmers Suffer.**

Sensor Underwood declared there was no way to restore foreign exchange except by bringing about a state of peace. He said the ill effects of low exchange will be felt by the cotton farmers, by manufacturers, lumber interests and all others who have goods to sell in the foreign markets.

Sensor Underwood added:

"I will say to the Majority Leader (Lodge) that he has not done his full duty to his country by waiting idly to see what is going to happen, to see if the President is going to withdraw the treaty and re-submit it, or to see whether the minority party will not accept his reservations. The situation calls for affirmative action."

Sensor Underwood insisted that the initiative rested solely with Senator Lodge, adding:

"I will go so far as to say that I am willing to vote for any reservations that the majority leader, Mr. Lodge, and the President of the United States will agree to."

**Underwood Disappointed.**

Sensor Lodge made a general reply to Senator Underwood's statement.

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**TEACHERS HEAR UNION DEFENSE**

Must "Break Through Aloofness" to Get Raises Says W. C. Ryan.

Heated denunciations of governmental policies on the miners' strike were voiced last night before school teachers gathered in the Public Library by prominent speakers. Among them was Charles E. Stillman, president of the American Federation of Teachers.

Criticizing the administration for "somersault" in its stand on the labor question, President Stillman accused the government of giving operators "free rein" in increasing their post-war profits, while efforts of miners to obtain better wages were squelched and denounced as unpatriotic. "Government by injunction," he continued, "means complete abolition of democracy and revives a relic of monarchical ages."

Referring to efforts made to cause teachers to sever their affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, President Stillman pointed out that each organization in the parent body has complete autonomy in matters of strikes and other policies.

W. Carson Ryan, Jr., of the Federal Employees' Union, said that teachers must break through the barrier of "aloofness," which has separated them from other workers before salary adjustments and other concessions can be obtained.

He said that education should have for its purpose service to society and not pecuniary remuneration to be gained.

Miss Maude E. Alton, president of the Grade School Teachers' Union, presided at the meeting. She announced that delegates to the American Federation of Teachers will be elected Tuesday night at a meeting in the Public Library.

**FLAMMARION SCOFFS AT "WORLD'S END"**

Paris, Dec. 13.—I declare without hesitation that the predictions made in the United States and Argentina that December 17 will mark the end of the world are stupid and I would take no notice of them were it not for the fact that the astronomical Society of France has received numerous letters from all parts of the world, including America, inquiring about the plausibility of such a prophecy, which is based upon the planetary conjunctions.

This was the statement tonight of Camille Flammarion, noted astronomer.

"As a matter of fact," he added, "no conjunction is due. What is happening is that Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are approaching one another in the same part of the firmament as the sun is found."

## JOHNSON ENTERS G. O. P. RACE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

California Senator Issues Formal Announcement Of Candidacy.

**Hits "Certain Well Known Politicians" In His Statement.**

Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California today made formal announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President.

The Senator issued the following statement:

"I have been laid up for the past week and am leaving Sunday night for California. I hope to get myself in shape in a couple of weeks there, and upon my return to enter into the Presidential campaign."

"I fully realize the handicap under which I labor and the obstacles which I must overcome, but I am exerting what is every American's birthright. Of course, any success for me must come from the people themselves, not from a certain well known class of politicians or from those whose interests make such politicians."

"Wherever it is possible, I am going direct to the people. Upon my return I shall announce a definite and specific program."

**To Make Active Campaign.**

Sensor Johnson's announcement was made as a result of a number of conferences which have been held

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## Prominent Men Sizzle As Gridiron Club Dires

Officialdom, From President Down, "Roasted" To a Turn as Historic Organization Resumes Banquets—Operetta, "Utopia," Is Feature.

This is the land of Utopia. Here where the pickings are fine. Here's where the grafter Would find a rich pasture. Here would the profiteer shine; Here there is no tax collector To lift a big slice from your roll. This is the land of Utopia. The land that the people control.

As the 300 guests of the Gridiron Club entered the large ballroom of the New Willard last night, the scene of beauty that greeted their eyes was one long to be remembered. It was indeed Utopia. Small in his usual artistic and masterful style had transformed the room into an island of lovely flowers. American Beauty roses, orchids and all the flowers of the season were used unsparingly.

The absence of the President of the United States was noted, and much regret was expressed that he was unable to attend the dinner as is his usual custom.

Vice President Marshall represented the President, and with the French, Belgian, Italian and British Ambassadors enjoyed the satire and songs of the evening.

Members of the Cabinet, high army and navy officers, leading men in every walk of life from all parts of the country added to the distinguished company.

Mr. Leroy T. Vernon, of the Chicago Daily News, was inaugurated as president of the club. Mr. Vernon has been president for two years, but owing to the world war, the dinners have been omitted and he has never presided.

Four new members were initiated in an appropriate manner. Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, of the Charlotte Observer; Mr. Ashmun N. Brown, of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer; Mr. Charles S. Groves, of the Boston Globe, and Mr. Mark L. Goodwin, of the Galveston-Dallas News.

Then the fun began. Two members of the Club impersonating Mr. William G. McAdoo and Mr. Walker D. Hines and representing themselves as magicians "Scrambled and Unscrambled the Railroaders." After mixing several ingredients in Mr. Investor's

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**WILSON WALKS ABOUT ROOM DESPITE ORDERS**

President Wilson overruled his physicians in arising from his bed and walking about his room, Dr. Cary T. Grayson said yesterday when it became known that the President had been up.

That the President's walks have resulted in no ill effects, however, was shown by the announcement of Dr. F. X. Dercum, the Philadelphia neurologist, who said after his weekly visit to the White House yesterday that the President is markedly better than he has been since he was ordered to bed October 1.

White House officials said the President's walks effectively set at rest rumors that his right leg was paralyzed.

With announcement of the President's improvement, administration leaders were hopeful that he might take some hand in politics as well as official business. Dignitaries party chiefs revived hope that they may yet see the President as the guest of honor at the Jackson day banquet here January 4.

## Wan Murder Jury at Last Is Completed

John C. Auth Twelfth Man In Box and Trial Will Begin Monday.

The stage is set for the real opening tomorrow morning of the trial of Ziang San Wan, young Chinese student, charged with the murder of Ben Sen Wu, undersecretary of the Chinese Educational Mission, last January.

John C. Auth, a grocer at 406 Sixth street southwest, was selected yesterday as the twelfth man on the jury to try Wan after 23 talesmen had been rejected because of "conscientious scruples" against capital punishment and for other reasons. Failure to fill the jury delayed the trial six days.

When the court convenes tomorrow morning Assistant United States Attorney Laws, who is aiding United States Attorney Laskey in the prosecution, will make the opening statement for the government. This will be followed with the introduction of testimony.

Besides Auth, the jury is composed of J. Elmon Shelton, monument maker; Mercer B. Mayfield, retired; William Elisinger, lumber merchant; John T. Burrows, carpenter; Joseph T. Kenyon, builder; Michael Coughlin, retired grocer; W. C. Herbert, confectioner; C. R. Hough, automobile business; George P. Davison, conductor; George F. Marshall, agent; William H. Bradshaw, street car employee.

Something of a sensation is expected in the trial because of the accusation of James A. O'Shea.

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## A. F. of L. Resolution Denounces Radicals, Holds Bargain Right

The text of the resolution repudiating Bolshevism and I. W. W.-ism as adopted by the conference of 200 labor leaders here yesterday reads:

"Whereas, the American Federation of Labor is an American institution, believing in American principles and goals, and

"Whereas, an attempt is being made to inject the spirit of Bolshevism and I. W. W.-ism into the affairs of the American Federation of Labor, and

"Whereas, the A. F. of L. is opposed to Bolshevism and I. W. W.-ism and to irresponsible leadership that encourages such a policy,

"Resolved, That this conference of representatives of trade unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. and other organizations associated in this conference repudiate and condemn the policy of Bolshevism and I. W. W.-ism as being destructive to American ideals and impractical in application, and

"Be it further resolved, That this conference reiterates the action of the convention of the A. F. of L. in its advocacy of principles of conciliation, voluntary arbitration and collective bargaining."

## GARFIELD HITS PALMER ENDING OF COAL STRIKE

Higher Prices to Consumer Sure to Result He Tells Senators.

The plan of settlement of the coal strike agreed upon by Attorney General Palmer and the miners' representatives was sharply criticized by retiring Fuel Administrator Garfield, in testimony given yesterday before a sub-committee of the Senate.

Dr. Garfield said he objected to the plan upon two specific grounds: First, that under its operation the government would lose its price-fixing power; second, that in the commission of three the majority would be the representatives of the industry, leaving the public in the minority.

Higher prices for coal to the consuming public undoubtedly will be the result of any price-fixing and wage-fixing agreement reached by this commission, Dr. Garfield stated. Under the plan formulated by him and rejected by the miners, Dr. Garfield said the public would have been protected against an increase in the price of coal, because the \$107,000,000 additional cost to the operators by reason of the 14 per cent increase was to have been absorbed by the operators.

**Refuses to Reveal Letters.**

Dr. Garfield told the subcommittee that his resignation was accepted yesterday. He declined, in spite of persistent questioning, to divulge the letter of resignation he sent to the President.

**Senators Frelinghuysen and Town-**

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## WARM WAVE SOON TO END

"Heavies" to Be Highly Welcome by Tomorrow Night According to Weather Man's Prediction.

Winter woollens made one itch all over yesterday and last night when warm, balmy weather came to chase away the wintry blasts of the preceding days, but there will be no itching today.

Anyway, instruments at the weather bureau cautioned last night of another cold spell with indications that it would hit the city today—and blast the hopes of all for saving a mite of coal.

Rain is predicted for this morning with a clearing up tonight, accompanied by more biting breezes. Tomorrow will be fair and cold, with fresh, strong northwest winds, said the weather man, A. W. Bowie.

The mercury came out of the cellar yesterday morning and by 3 p. m. had climbed to 65 degrees. The lowest mark was 50 degrees, at 2 a. m.

## PLANES AND CHASERS SCOUTING FOR PARTY

Miami, Fla., Dec. 13.—Aeroplanes and submarine chasers have been dispatched from here to search for D. W. Griffith, motion picture producer, and a party of motion picture players, missing since they left here on a yacht Wednesday.

Advices received tonight from Bahama Islands state the party had not arrived there.

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and study the second lesson in The Washington Herald's complete Civil Service Course, which began in this paper last Sunday.

With the Civil Government questions this week will be found answers to the sixteen questions in geography included in the first lesson of the course, printed in last Sunday's Herald.

## Radicals in Labor Ranks Are Defeated; Gompers Plan Wins

Gompers, in All-Day Battle, Keeps Opposing Forces From Making Text More Drastic. Declaration Hits "Government By Injunction"—Reasserts Workers' Right to Strike

Urging resistance to "government by injunction," a new "declaration of independence," written by the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor, was formally adopted by 200 labor leaders of the United States, in session here yesterday.

The indorsement, given at the end of an all-day meeting, was regarded as a victory for Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and leader of the conservatives.

Radical leaders fought all day to inject a more drastic tone into the declaration but failed. Although the meeting was secret, reports of the strife within leaked out.

The new declaration was submitted to the labor leaders in rough draft form immediately after the conference opened early in the morning. The rough draft was written by Matthew Woll, vice president of the A. F. of L., at the instance of the executive council and under the direction of President Gompers. The declaration as adopted differed from the original draft in only two minor particulars.

**Strong Positions Taken.**  
Strong positions were taken in the "declaration" on all subjects affecting labor. The high lights are:

**Denounces** "the perversion and abuse of the writ of injunction" and declares that "government-by-injunction has grown out of this perversion."

**Demand** the right to strike.

Declares the "autocratic attitude and destructive action" of the United States Steel Corporation must give way to a better understanding.

Protests attitude of the employers' representatives in the President's recent industrial conference. Demands the right of workers to organize and affiliate with the A. F. of L. be safeguarded by legislation.

**Hits Anti-Strike Laws.**

Asserts that to penalize strikes or to make them unlawful is to apply an unwarrantable and destructive method when a constructive one is available; that to reduce the necessity for strikes the cause should be found and removed.

Specifically denounces anti-strike provisions of the Cummins bill as un-American.

Urges that the judges of Federal courts be elected by the people for terms not exceeding six years.

Asserts that there cannot be found in the Constitution of the United States or in the discussions

**7TH WIFE UNLUCKY; HUBBY POISONS HER**

Noblesville, Ind., Dec. 13.—Clem P. Farwick, the "marring farmer," today was convicted of attempting to poison his seventh wife, Farwick cried when the verdict was read in court. He asked what would become of his prize cows and chickens.

"I ought to hate her," Farwick said, referring to his seventh wife, "but I don't. I've always loved her."

The penalty is three to fourteen years imprisonment.

## Eight Roll Calls in House When Members Stay Away

What is believed to be a record for roll calls in one afternoon of the House was hung up yesterday when eight times in succession, the names of the members were called.

Each roll call requires about thirty-five minutes, so that virtually all the House did was to answer "present."

Representative Blanton, Texas, made points of order of no quorum because the majority of the membership refused to stay in the chamber thus forcing the roll calls. Clerks estimated in all they called 5,000 names, as all those who do not answer on the first roll call are again called on the second.

The roll calls blocked action on a resolution of Representative Graham, which charges graft in the settlement of War Department contracts.

## Conductors Are "Stung" With "Nutmeg" Tokens

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 13.—Trolley men in the employ of the Connecticut company here are complaining that passengers are trying to beat the new system by using counterfeit coins to simulate the metal tokens recently put into use by the company.

The "phony" coins easily deceive the conductors and register correctly in the automatic coin boxes. The trolley men are required to make good at the end of the day's run.

## Auto Victim's Death Is Found Accidental

A verdict of accidental death was returned by a coroner's jury at the District morgue yesterday, following an inquest over the body of Mary Jackson, colored, 2310 M street northwest, who was knocked down by an automobile driven by A. J. Parker, 458 Eleventh street northeast, at Twenty-fourth and L streets northwest, Thursday night.

The woman died at Emergency Hospital Friday morning from fractured skull and shock.

## OFFER \$250 REWARD FOR VANISHED DRIVER

A reward of \$250 for information leading to the finding of Kenneth B. F. Springman, of Alexandria, Va., who disappeared on the road from Alexandria to Washington, last Monday, was offered by relatives of the missing man yesterday.

The reward will be paid to anyone giving information which will lead to Springman's discovery, dead or alive. The money is in the hands of Detective Sgt. James A. Springman, of police headquarters. The wife of the missing man is on the verge of nervous prostration.